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1. NOMARCH OF THESSALONIKI PYLARINOS, INFORMED
ME THAT AS OF NOW THERE HAVE BEEN NINE DEATHS AND 85
STILL HOSPITALIZED IN CITY AND ENVIRONS. NOMARCH SAID THAT
ONLY TWO BUIDLINGS TOTALLY DESTROYED, BUT MANY FLOORS IN
OTHER BUILDINGS COLLAPSED. IN RESPONSE TO MY
OFFER TO BE OF ANY ASSISTANCE, NOMARCH SAID THAT
HE WOULD LET ME KNOW ONCE DAMAGE HAS BEEN ASSESSED
WHETHER ANY ASSISTANCE WOULD BE NEEDED.

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2. DURING 60-MINUTE WALK THROUGH CITY AN HOUR AGO
(10 A.M. LOCAL TIME) CONGEN OFFICERS OBSERVED A NERVOUS
CITIZENRY TRYING FOR THE MOST PART TO GET
OUT OF TOWN. ANXIETY ABETTED BY STEADY STREAM OF
AFTER-SHOCKS OF GREAT INTENSITY AND GENERAL FEELING
THAT WORSE SHOCKS ARE YET TO COME.

3. ALL OFFICES AND COMMERCIAL OUTLETS EXCEPT A FEW CAFES ARE CLOSED, AND ROADS ARE CLOGGED WITH JAMMED AUTOMOBILES FLEEING CITY. THERE IS A CONSIDERABLE RUBBLE SCATTERED AROUND TOWN, USUALLY NEAR AN OLDER BUILDING. NUMBER OF CRUSHED VEHICLES CAN ALSO BE SEEN.

4. MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE HAS DECLARED A STATE OF EMERGENCY. HE IS MEETING WITH MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF WELFARE AND NOMARCH TO ORGANIZE AND DIRECT ACTIVITIES OF TEAMS TO ORGANIZE AND PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND ASSESSING DAMAGE.

5. NO REPORTS OF ANY AMERICAN VICTIMS OF THE QUAKE. ANATOLIA COLLEGE AND AMERICAN FARM SCHOOL BOTH WITH SIZABLE AMERICAN STAFFS ARE TAKING MEASURES TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM SAFETY TO THEIR STAFFS.

6. FOR AMEMBASSY SOFIA: APPRECIATE YOUR OFFER AND WILL INFORM YOU IF WE CAN USE IT.
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